Committee Room, City Hall,
September 8th, 1920.

TWENTY-SECOND MEETING.

NO. I COMMITTEE meets in the Committee Room, City Hall, on Wednesday, September 8th, 1920, at 4.15 p.m.
PRESENT: Aldermen Cunningham (Chairman) Brighton, Harley, Dr. J.C.Wilson, and Bridge and His Worship Mayor Little.

534 MINUTES.

The minutes of the twenty-first meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

535 WEIGH SCALES FEES (see par. 394)

Upon motion the proposed scale of fees as stated is adopted and a by-law introduced amending the scale of fees accordingly.

536 HUNT TAXES (see par. 422, 441)

E.V.Buchanan submitting copies of agreement of sale of Hunt Bros. mill property which require the signature of the Mayor and City Clerk. This agreement was drawn by the solicitors of the vendors and approved of by Mr. T.G.Meredith, City Solicitor. On page 6 there is a space which has to be filled in and as this relates to the payment of taxes it will be necessary for the city to deal with this matter and not the Utilities Commission.

Upon motion the agreement between Hunt Bros. Ltd. and the Corporation of the City of London approved by the City Solicitor is approved and the Mayor and Clerk authorized to sign same and the taxes for 1920 remitted.

537 HUCKSTERS.

Upon motion the Clerk is instructed to again call the attention of the Market Clerk to the request for a report.

538 PALL MALL STREET CROSSING (C.P.R.) (see par. 490, 513)

Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada acknowledging receipt of communication.

The Clerk states that Mr. Meredith had replied to the communication on Saturday last suggesting payment on the basis of ~~xx~~ twenty-five per cent and seventy-five per cent.

Filed.

539 INDIGENT INSANE.

J.W.McCallum reporting on Henry May. He is fifty years of age, a married man, poor and without means. He has lived in the city for some years.

Upon motion Henry May is accepted as a city indigent.

J.W.McCallum reporting re Louise Cardill, a single woman thirty-three years of age. She has lived in the city three years and has no means.

Upon motion Louise Cardill is accepted as a city indigent.

J.W.McCallum reporting re John A.Larkin, a single man, thirty four years of age. He has lived in the city all his life and worked for McClary Co. Has no means.

Upon motion John A.Larkin is accepted as a city indigent.

J.W.McCallum reporting re Hilda Millie. She is a young woman committed from Alexandra Industrial School, charged and paid for by the City of London. Her father was a military man.

Upon motion Hilda Millie is accepted as a city indigent.

J.W.McCallum reporting re Florella Stuart. She is the sister of Rev. J.G.Stuart.

Upon motion Florella Stuart is accepted as a city indigent.

J.W.McCallum reporting re Mary J. Mills. She is a lady seventy-four years of age, has lived in the city forty years. He did not consider that they were able to pay.

Upon motion Mary J. Mills is accepted as a city indigent.

J.W.McCallum reporting re Pearl Sully. They have not lived in London one year.

Upon motion this application is refused as she is a non-resident.

J.W.McCallum reporting re James B. Black. He had been drinking. He had not been asked to pay and was able to pay.

Upon motion this application is refused.

540 INDIGENTS.

J.W.McCallum reporting re Charles Crow, fourteen years of age, his father is forty-one and has a wife and six children. They came from London, England.

Upon ~~motion~~ report of the Chairman this applica nt is accepted as a city indigent.

J.W.McCallum reporting re Wm. Gleadall, seventy-six years of age. He has lived in London seventeen years; his family had agreed to

they all refused.

Upon the report of the Chairman Inspector McCallum is authorized to collect the cost of maintenance.

J.W.McCallum reporting re Isaac Edward Jennings, that he was fifteen years of age, born in Calgary and came to the city about eight years ago. His father died about six years ago and his mother re-married.

Upon report of the Chairman this applicant is accepted as a city indigent.

Dr. C.S.Moore and Mr. F.G.Rumball making application for the admission of Alfred Jones, seventy-six years of age to the Aged Peoples' Home.

Upon report of the Chairman the applicant is accepted as a city indigent.

541 HUMANE SOCIETY REPORT.

Mrs. B.H.Clement, Treasurer London Humane Society sending in a statement of cases attended to by the Humane Inspector Tustin, during the months of May, June and July. Counting on the basis of ten cents per day the account comes to $13.40. There was also seven cases where the Inspector had to dispose of dogs left dead on the public streets.

Upon motion the account of the Humane Society for $13.40 and $1.75 is passed for payment.

542 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

S.Baker certifying that By-law No. to amend By-law No. 5802 relating to streets and for the regulation of traffic thereon has been read a first time and referred to No. 1 Committee.

S.Baker certifying that No. 2 Committee had adopted the following motion, viz:

"That By-law No. 5802 be amended to provide that there shall be no parking of cars on the Market lane excepting for merchants occupying premises on the said lane".

The matter is discussed and, upon motion, the further consideration of the by-law laid over and, in the meantime, His Worship the Mayor promises to see the Chief of Police.

543 HOUSING BY-LAW.

S.Baker certifying that By-law No. to bring the municipality of the City of London under "The Municipal Housing Act, 1920" had been read a first time and referred to No. 1 Committee.

Upon motion the further consideration of the by-law is laid over.

544 LONDON RAILWAY COMMISSION REPORT.

Dale and Screaton submitting income account of the London Railway Commission for the year ended June 30th, 1920, showing net earnings of $23,185.91.

An order received by the Commission from the Dominion Statistician, changes the date for the annual report from June 30th to December 31st. It reads partially as follows:

"The compilation of the annual reports of the Transportation Companies called for by The Statistics Act and Amendments and The Railway Act, 1919, has been transferred from the Department of Railways and Canals to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

After careful consideration it has been decided to change the reporting year from the year ended June 30th to the year ended December 31st 1919 (12 months). The change is necessary to make the Transportation Companies' reports comparable with certain other statistics."

The report presented covers the transactions of the Commission from July 1st, 1919 to June 30th, 1920, thus affording a comparison of earnings with the report of last year. A complete report will be furnished covering the eighteen months from July 1st, 1919 to December 31st 1920, as soon as possible after the accounts are closed in December. Statements from that date forward will cover the transactions of the calendar year.

THE LONDON & PORT STANLEY RAILWAY.

Income Statement, year ended June 30th, 1920.

Gross earnings.		
Passenger	$276,021.83	
Freight	210,259.65	
Miscellaneous	96,368.96	$582,650.44
Operating expenses		438,102.91
Gross income		144,547.53
Deductions from income		
Bond interest	$73,643.06	
Rental	20,000.00	
Sinking Fund	20,059.39	
Taxes	7,209.17	121,361.62
Net income		$ 23,185.91

Filed.

545 SCHOOL DEBENTURES (see par. 191,435)

Upon motion the Clerk is instructed to advise the members of the Board of Education that the former requisition respecting the north eastern portion of the city debentures and the Ealing School debentures would have to be withdrawn and new requisitions submitted instead thereof.

546 FIRE CHIEF'S CONVENTION (see par. 525)

Upon motion the Clerk is instructed to write other municipalities to ascertain what action had been taken and ascertain whether joint action could not be taken.

547 VITAL STATISTICS.

Dr. McCallough reporting for the month of July:

Births 143 Marriages 76 Deaths 78 Total 297.

	Former Report	This Report	Total
Births	774	143	917
Marriages	388	76	464
Deaths	663	78	741

Filed.

548 MARKET REPORT.

Jas. S.Bell submitting Market report for the month of August, namely:

Receipts - Upstairs		$360.00	
	Basement	56.00	
	Spaces	3.50	
	Butchers' Pavilion	-	$419.50
Arrears Butchers' Pavilion - $42.00			

Former Report	This report	Total
$2918.00	$419.50	$3337.50

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549 ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

S.Baker submitting report on the Ontario Municipal Association convention, held in the City of Toronto on the first, second and third days of September 1920. The convention was well attended and of considerable service to the municipalities.

Hydro Radials.

Mayor Church, in welcoming the delegates, said they had reached a critical period in the history of the province. The people had over $100,000,000 invested in light and power schemes which the big interests, aided by members of the Legislature and other bodies, were seeking to destroy. They had secured the ear of the Government in Queens Park and they were endeavoring to discredit the Hydro enterprises and to prevent the construction of Hydro radials. The Mayor also criticized the Government for its inactivity regarding "The organized raid that was being made on the pockets of the people by the railway, express and telephone companies". "This is no time to boost rates" he declared with emphasis, "and to add to the present high cost of living". There is every indication that prices of all commodities are declining, so why should these wealthy companies be permitted to offset the advantages coming to the people by increasing the rates. There was no justification for it, and the municipalities should follow the lead of Toronto and strongly oppose the move"

Reform of Association.

Mr. S.Baker, of London, President of the Association, in his inaugural address, advocated the working out of the new Municipal Act in a systematic manner to assure that all municipal administration be by the Council controlled experts. He would not permit the appointment of any person to the position of Treasurer, Clerk, Engineer or Assessor in any urban municipality, unless such person had previously secured university status in a faculty of municipal affairs. In the past most municipalities had to pay for the training of their officials, now those who desired civic positions should train themsevles for such and prove their fitness before they secured an appointment. He also advised the appointment of a special committee of the Association to watch for and report upon any changes in legislation affecting municipalities that may be introduced at the next session of the Legislature.

Guelph Charter.

Alderman Carter of Guelph delivered an address on the experiences of Guelph, under the special powers which provided for the election of Aldermen for three years and the election of the Mayor by the City Council instead of by the people. Alderman Carter contended the change wa a big improvement on the old order of things.

Bell Telephone rates.

Mr. Francis Dagger urged that all municipalities within the province make a great united effort to defeat the plans of the Bell Telephone Co. for boosting its rates. Mr. Dagger said the measured service scheme which the company was anxious to introduce in Canada was an invention of its own. No other operating telephone company and there

were dozens of them in Canada and the United States, had found it necessary to resort to such methods in order to meet operating expenses. He urged every municipality to send a representative to the Dominion Railway Board sittings when the company's application for permission to increase its rates came up for hearing.

Legislation

The paper prepared by Mr. Doherty on "New Legislation" was very useful and will be printed in the October number of "The Municipal World".

Report on Former Municipal Government.

At the afternoon session there was a general discussion on a number of subjects relating to civic government. The majority decided to petition the Provincial Government to appoint a commission to study and report upon municipal administration with the object of paving the way for necessary reforms..

Deep Waterways.

Major Alex Lewis gave an interesting address on the need for the development of the St. Lawrence waterways, to provide for the passage of ocean going vessels through the canals to ports on the Great Lakes. Also for the use of the surplus water powers for hydro purposes. The scheme, as outlined by the Waterways Association at its recent meeting, was heartily endorsed by the delegates.

Bell Telephone.

An informal discussion took place on the telephone rates question and the resolution of Alderman Moorhead was referred to the Resolutions' Committee for consideration and report.

Plumbing.

The Plumbing By-laws, which municipalities arerequired to pass under the provisions of the amended Health Act, came in for much adverse criticism, It was contended by Alderman Cunningham that these provisions had been foisted upon the municipalities at the instigation of the trade.

Metropolitan Area Commissions.

Mr. McKay, St. Thomas, introduced the question of Metropolitan Area Commission in which he advocated the appointment of a joint Committee for the undertaking of any and all works of interest to more than one municipality. He claimed that much saving might be made, the works would be properly co-ordinated and much better planned.

Assessment and Voters' Lists Acts.

Amendments to the Assessment and Voters' List Acts made by the Drury Government were warmly criticized by the delegates at the Ontario Municipal Association meeting. They suggested the abolition of the enumerators, and the substitution of a registration system for the Provincial election list of voters.

On motion of Miss Mary Grant, London Township, it was decided to request the Government to introduce further amendments, in order to remedy the defects complained of.

Vital Statistics.

Dr. J.W.S.McCullough, Provincial M.O.H., gave an interesting address on "The value of vital statistics" and called attention to the neglect of parents to register births. He declared that the percentage of failures to register births was as high as twenty per cent in some localities.

Following the address the Provincial Health Department came in for some criticism. Mr. E.L.Auly of Frontenac County, complaint of the manner Medical Officers of Health were appointed by the Department. The municipalities had no power over such officials, although they had to provide the salaries. He complained that these officers had an association of their own and were able to get acts through the Legislature without the consent or endorsation of the people. If a municipality desired to discharge its M.O.H. it could not do so. Mr. Auly said there was evidence enough in Portland Township to warrant the discharge of the whole Medical Department. Dr. McCullough, in reply, said that Portland Township had applied for the discharge of one M.O.H. and the request had been complied with. Now it wanted the present officer dismissed. He pointed out that the Provincial Department could not dismiss a man unless there was some strong reason for so doing, and he advised the people complaining to forward evidence in support of their complaints, and it would be promptly considered, and if circumstances justified it, the officer would be dismissed. Other delegates joined in the criticism of the Provincial Department contending that the doctors were a law unto themselves and that anything a layman might say or do was ignored.

Telephone rates.

Controller Ramsden introduced the motions passed by the Special Committee dealing with the 'phone situation, suggesting the desirability of the province giving municipalities power to operate a telephone service, and that a deputation be appointed to wait upon the Provincial Government, urging it to co-operate with the municipalities in opposing the application of the Bell Telephone Company to increase its rates. These motions were sent to the Resolutions Committee. No action was taken.

Premier E.C.Drury on Hydro-Radials.

Premier E.C.Drury in a spirited address before the Ontario Municipal Association at the City Hall, warmly defended the action of the Government in appointing a Commission to investigate and report upon the Hydro Radial situation. He declared the Government had been misrepresented by interest which deemed determined to stir up strife, and to be working to destroy the Hydro Electric Commission as well as the U.F.O. Government. These remarks were greeted with hearty applause by the assembled delegates. He said there had been a lote of criticism from municipalities regarding the Government's action in holding up the construction of Hydro Radials pending a thorough inquiry. He contended that it was a matter that affected the whole provice, and not the municipalities of the Government alond, and for that reason, he proposed to be very frank and outspoken. Despite what some people might say to the contrary, there was no enmity between the members of the Government and the Hydro Commission The relations between the Ministers and Sir Adam Beck were of the most friendly character. They were on the very best of terms. Their relations with Sir Adam were much better than between Sir Adam and some of his so-called worshippers.

The Government, he continued, believes it is responsible to all the people of the province, and it must look after their interests, and not the interests of any one particular section of the community. It also believed that the Hydro-Electric resources of the province were as much the property of the province as the forests and mines. Consequently, it had no doubt that the only way to handle the waterways and water-powers was by the province for the whole province.

After these prefactory remarks the Premier got down to the real kernel of the Hydro situation. He frankly admitted it was most desirable that Hydro development should be pushed forward with all possible speed. It would be a crime to delay the development of a single horse-power of electricity considering the fast dwindling coal resources at the present time. He desired to assure them the Government had not and would not place any obstacles, not even a straw inthe way of development of power for the people.

"There are certain things, however, to be considered", he said. "I am one who does not hold that any person or policy should be inviolate," The attitude of some people has been that some policies should not be touched, should not be made public or enquired into. I am not one of those. Our attitude towards the Hydro development is what we want to be shown, and to know every thing fully. The present policy may be the best, but there may be a better one, in any event, we want and intend to have the best." The Premier then proceeded to deal with the tendency of population towards the large centres and the consequent demand for increased transportation facilities. The rural population had decreased 12 per cent, while the urban populations had increased 200 per cent, since 1888, which was an unwholesome thing, a very bad thing for the rural districts. This increased the problem of transportation and supplies, and all this was connected and interwoven with Hydro-Electric matters. Hydro radials were not a Hydro-Electric development, but a very different thing. That was why the Government wanted more information before committing the province to any huge expenditures or guarantees. They surely had proven their friendliness towards Hydro development by the support they had given to the Chippawa project. They had given every possible help to the Hydro Commission sothat it might push that work to a speedy conclusion. But the launching of the Government and the municipalities into Hydro radials was a very different matter. One might work out a problem like Hydro radials to look all right on paper and by bookkeeping, and still have something bad for the nation. He did not say Hydro radials were not needed, but he did wish to point out that very radical transportation changes had taken place since the people voted on the radial project. The Dominion Government had taken over the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific, and would soon have the old Grand Trunk system. The fact of the matter was, Canada was overloaded with railroads. They had one prosperous line and two lame ones. They had these publicly owned and publicly managed roads, and yet they were faced to-day with a demand for increased freight, passenger and express rates, probably because they had too many railroads. Building radials might mean competition to the Government lines.

Summoning up the reasons for a thorough investigation of the radial project before endorsing same the Premier said it was necessary to ascertain if such lines would tend to solve the problem of the depopulation of the rural districts; whether the policy or constructing new highways and better roads to which the Government was committed would not offer a better solution, with the introduction of mobile motor busses and trucks to carry passengers and produce for short distances that would follow the construction of such roads, and lastly, if the existing railroads were sufficient to meet the needs of the country or could they be utilized to greater advantage and made to yield greater revenue without any considerable additional expend-

of such roads, and lastly, if the existing railroads were sufficient to meet the needs of the community or could they be utilized to greater advantage and made produce greater revenue without any considerable additional expenditures. In conclusion, the Premier expressed the hope that the finding of the Hydro-Radial Commission, when published, would be accepted by the municipalities and the Hydr-Electric Commission as conclusive and final.

Town Planning.

Mr. O'Brien strongly advocated making the Town Planning Committee simply advisory. He stated that when the Committee of Toronto ceased working against the Council and simply attempted to act as an advisory board results were secured. The proposed act submitted last Spring was very adversely criticised as being unduly rushed, too ambitious, and against democratic principles. The power to spend money on ambitious schemes would lead to mistrust, jealously and extravagance and really hinder the work of the Town Planning Committee, which is purely educational.

Election of Officers.

The concluding business of the Convention was the election of officers, the most noteworthy change being that Dr. Horace Brittain, manager of the Bureau of Municipal Research, succeeds Rev. Ben Spence as Secretary-Treasurer.

Filed.

550 SOLDIERS TAX REMISSION (see par. 31, 59, 245, 265, 328, 345, 361, 379, 398, 415, 49[illegible])

Amy Brabrook submitting a sworn declaration that she had rented 17 Landdowne Avenue for the term of one year, June 1919 to June 1920; that she is now occupying the house and asked for remission.

Upon motion Mrs. Brabrook is allowed one half of $17.75 - $8.88

John Stuart, County Clerk, stating that Mrs. Haynes was the widow of a Canadian soldier. She was very unfortunate, one of her children was drowned in the river and three months later her husband was killed in Leonard's factory. She married a soldier who enlisted in the C.E.F. and went overseas. She has since been deserted by her husband. He had invested her patriotic allowance in a house, 17 Cove Road.

Upon motion the application is allowed.

R.E.Beedle making application for remission of soldiers' tax. The property is owned by his mother. Her father was killed in the war three years ago. He is the only support of his mother.

Upon motion the application is allowed.

S.Bakes reporting that he had received and examined the following applications and recommended payment of the following claims, viz:

No.	Name	Address	Service	Remission
	Amount brought forward			$15,758.4[illegible]
McDaniel R.T.	745 Elias S			
608	McDaniel R.T.	745 Elias St.	France	25.1[illegible]
609	McGinnes P.J.	21 Euclid Ave.	France	13.3[illegible]
610	Thompson S.A.	43 Byron Ave.	France	35.5[illegible]
611	Lilley C.	96 Edward St.	France	35.5[illegible]
612	Cooper H.	1095 Florence St.	France	5.2[illegible]
613	Moore Thos. D.	837 Lovett St.	France	11.62
614	Coles Wm.	20 Edward St.	France	30.43
615	Day W.G.	555 Piccadilly St.	France	16.90
616	Brintnell J.M.	15 Carlton Ave.	France	9.2[illegible]
617	Ray M.	32 Grosvenor St.W.	France	27.90
618	Linsley M.	510 Horton St.	France	6.18
619	Thompson T.	63 Duchess Ave.	France	9.30
620	Greenlees F.H.	47 Wortley Rd.	France	22.82
	Also as above allowed			
621	Hanes Mrs.	17 Cove Rd.	France	10.14
622	R.E.Beedle	665 York St.	England	41.85
623	Brabrook A.	17 Lansdowne Ave.	France	8.88
				$16,068.57

551 DAVIDSON TAX.

Thos. Davidson, 376 Ridout Street making application for remission of pedlar's license of $1.00 which was wanted for Fair time only. He had lived in the city five years.

Upon motion the matter is referred to His Worship the Mayor.

552 NEW INDUSTRIES.

His Worship the Mayor states that the Chamber of Commerce had been successful in securing an important new industry. The firm had bought land from the McCormick Survey and it would be necessary to grant them the use of the Machinery building at the Exhibition Grounds upon such

terms as to rental and insurance and the replacing of the building as may be necessary.

Alderman Wilson moves, and it is adopted, that the matter be referred, with power, to His Worship the Mayor and Treasurer.

553 ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts, being examined and found correct, are, upon motion, passed for payment, viz:

Pay Sheet, City Officials	$2400.20	Pay Sheet, Board of Health	$445.83
S.Grant, expenses	21.90	Miss Raymond	10.00
E.Fitzgerald	23.85	James MacVey	41.25
J.Jenkin	24.00	Victoria Home	279.00
Victoria Home	279.00	Scandrett Bros.	2.00
General Accident Assce Co.	224.70	Walden & Weir	10.00
The Signry	6.06	James Wright & Co.	3.87
A.M.Hamilton	41.37	H.S.Philips	100.00
R.H.Dignan	18.10	Pay Sheet	16.68
R.H.Dignan	4.00	Pay Sheet	300.00
J.G.Johnston	.25	H.Stewart	12.00
H.McIntosh	10.00	E.D.Raymond	10.00
J.Jenkin	24.00	H.McIntosh	10.00
H.Stewart	12.00	S.Baker	48.25
Pay Sheet	58.10	J.B.Mitts	2.07
Pay Sheet	168.00	T.Loveless	6.12
Crystal Lake Ice Co.	.50	E.D.Raymond	5.00
S.Baker	22.40	Municipal World	1.75
Phoenix Assce Co.	8.00	Commercial Union Co.	17.00
R.C.S.S.Board	5000.00	Public Utilities Comm.	2.63
Ald. Cunningham	29.40	Humane Society	16.15
C.G.Moorhead	7.00	W.A.Wilson	13.90
			$9,735.33

Upon motion the Committee adjourned.

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Chairman.